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The Scientific Board

A MAJOR STEP was taken by the House of Delegates at its April meeting in assisting the California Medical Association to fulfill its primary objective of the advancement of science and the protection of the public health.

Changes in the constitution and bylaws were made which make the establishment of a Scientific Board now a proposed part of our constitution and bylaw structure.

Two years ago the California Medical Association Council established a committee headed by Dr. Dwight L. Wilbur to determine the position of scientific medicine in California in respect to the parent organization and how the various segments of the scientific arm could more effectively unify common efforts of advancement. Dr. Wilbur's committee included medical school deans, teachers and other knowledgeable members of our Association interested in continuing medical education and scientific research. The committee report, representing an exhaustive study in all facets of the art, science and economics of medicine, was made to the Council and the House of Delegates. General approval of the proposals has been given. Imple-

mentation of some of the recommendations must await constitutional amendment.

The Council may be expected to pursue with vigor those steps which, through bylaw amendment, are now permissive.

In general, it can be stated that a Scientific Board composed of members selected from the scientific sections of the C.M.A. and from other organizations interested in various medical specialties will be established. This board will supervise all scientific activities of the Association, including the annual session, postgraduate activities and scientific publications. Representation from the board on the Council and in the House of Delegates will strengthen our efforts in many areas of activity. It will serve as the authoritative source for scientific information.

Placing the science, art and economics of the practice of medicine in proper perspective will be rewarding individually and collectively. I am convinced we will be making a major step toward the California Medical Association's primary objective.